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## 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE CAUTIOUS

By Lucy Purdy

SHOPKEEPERS in Haringey have been advised how to protect their businesses in the Christmas run-up by police officers who specialise in investigating armed robberies.

Traders were advised to remove posters from shop windows so that they can see potential robbers

approaching, not to leave large amounts of cash lying around and not to count their takings in public view. Officers from the Met Police's Flying Squad, a branch of the Specialist Crime Directorate, went to the Vue Cinema in High Road, Wood Green, last week to give free presentations to all types of business owners.

The new scheme is designed to teach traders how to avoid becoming a target for criminals during the festive season.

Detective Chief Inspector Ian Corner said: "Experience has shown us that Christmas and the mid-winter months are the times of year when commercial premises are more likely to become targets of robbers.

"We recognise that local shops provide vital services to the local community and if they become vulnerable, coupled with the current recessionary climate, it can become difficult for small businesses to carry on."

Though there has been a steady decline in attacks on what police call "traditional targets" such as cash-in-transit vans, banks, building societies, betting shops and post offices, there is normally a spike in commercial robberies in December. Detective Constable Mark Beale, crime prevention co-ordinator from the Flying

## Flying squad advise traders how to avoid advent of robberies

Squad, said: "We find that robbers don't walk down the street in balaclavas, they put them on just before the go into the shop so if there are posters obscuring the view the shopkeeper won't be able to react in time to do anything.

"We've also been advising people to reduce the amount of cash available in the tills by more frequent banking and reporting any suspicious incidents so that, if something does happen, we can easily go back through the reports. If staff members are used to approaching people when they come into the shop, the business will not seem so vulnerable."

He also advised business owners to get to know their local Safer Neighbourhood teams and to visit [www.met.police.uk/business](http://www.met.police.uk/business) for crime prevention advice.

The training presentations also took place in Southwark, Lambeth and Newham.

## Paddy Power is short on luck as its appeal fails

THE campaign to cut the number of bookies setting up shop in the borough claimed another scalp after government officials dismissed an appeal against refusing Paddy Power planning permission.

In September, Haringey planners refused the company permission for a change of use to turn Everybody's Music shop on the corner of High Road and West Green Road, Tottenham, into a betting shop.

The Irish betting giant appealed the decision, but last week inspectors sided with the council, ruling a change of use would cause unacceptable harm to the "vitality, viability and predominantly retail function of the centre due to the loss of a retail unit in a prominent location".

They also upheld turning down the application because the satellite dishes the betting shop would need to keep its punters up-to-date on world sport fixtures would not be in keeping with the High Road's status as a conservation area.

Campaigners who mounted a rally against the shop and signed a petition against it pointed out that there are already 39 bookies in Tottenham sparking claims that they are preying on the poor at a time of severe economic hardship.

Nilgun Canver, Haringey Council cabinet member for neighbourhoods, said: "This strengthens any proposed policy that recognises the value of attractive shopping centres that provide a diverse retail mix.

"Also, betting shops seem to target areas of deprivation where residents can least afford to squander money."

The Inspector also dismissed an application for costs against the council by Paddy Power.



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# Council in tie-up plan with Waltham Forest

By Jon Dean

BACK office council services could soon be shared with Waltham Forest Council to meet government spending cut backs.

Haringey Council is considering a plan to share services with the neighbouring borough in a reaction to cuts announced in the government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

The authority is facing a reduction of up to £50million in its budget next year and sharing services such as call-centres, legal services, school meals and the payroll department could help soften the blow.

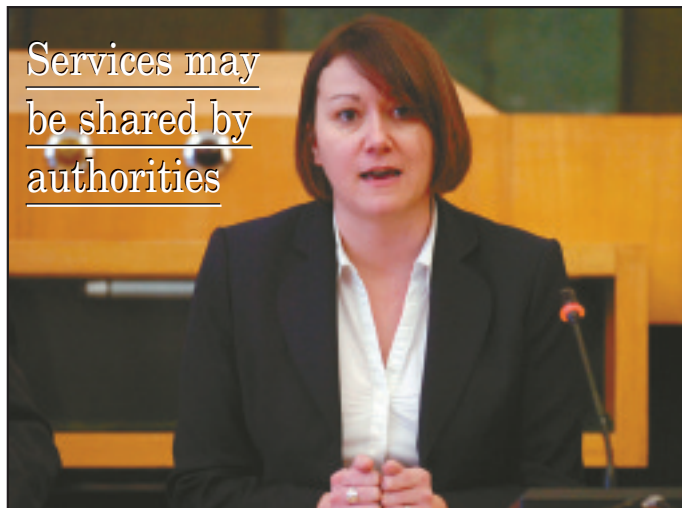
Council leader Claire Kober said: "The arrangement with Waltham Forest adds a further opportunity for the council to both share services and good practice, which will ultimately be a benefit to Haringey's residents."

A spokeswoman for Haringey Council, said the new arrangements could start as soon as next year, although the authority could not yet put a figure on how much would be saved.

She said: "This is a practical means of protecting frontline services against government spending cuts and we will only be sharing services where it makes sound financial sense to do so."

"While there are differences between the two areas, we are neighbouring boroughs with similar statutory duties and powers and it makes sense to discuss

Services may  
be shared by  
authorities



**Opportunities:** Council Leader Claire Kober is looking at making savings

sharing services where it is practical."

Waltham Forest Council leader Chris Robbins added: "Our aim is to save as much money as possible by making things more efficient and doing things with other councils, but the cuts are still going to have an effect on everyone in our community."

He added: "We will not be merging

either now or in the future and we are working with other local authorities on different services. Both councils will remain separate local and politically accountable entities."

The next stage in the process is for both councils to agree a memorandum of understanding detailing which services could be shared.

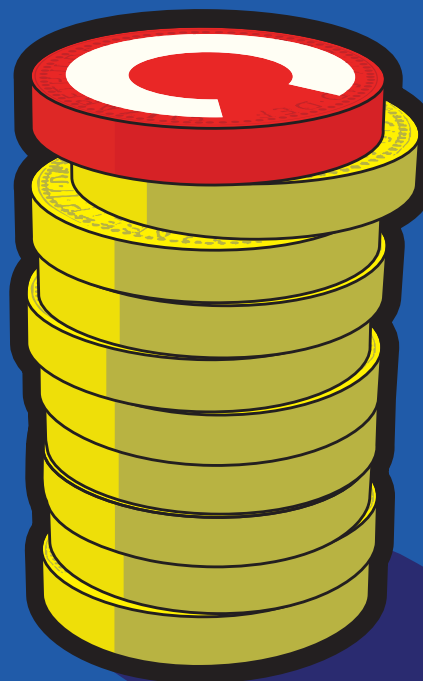
## Properties brought up to scratch

EMPTY properties which had been blighting communities in Tottenham have been cleaned up and brought back to use as part of an ongoing war against Haringey's empty homes. A house in Bruce Castle Road, which was boarded up following a fire, was taken over by squatters while the owner was in hospital. The intruders dumped the contents of the house into the garden, nearly destroying a neighbour's fence with the weight of the discarded junk. Housing officers at Haringey Council then helped the owner take court action to banish them from the property before putting him in touch with a developer who brought the house and improved it.

It is now home to a new family after being let through the Notting Hill Housing Association. The council launched a crackdown last year on the 3,000 empty homes unused in Haringey while thousands of families wait on the housing list. Officers formed a hit-list of long-term empty homes and have threatened landlords with enforcement action.

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# Gina full of beans with award win for café's success after hard times

By Christine Fashugba

AN ENTREPRENEUR who has turned her life around after serving time in prison has been awarded the Barclays Trading Places prize for overcoming adversity.

Gina Moffatt, 34, who set up her Blooming Scent floristry while serving time in prison now runs her own café at the Bernie Grant Art Centre in Town Hall Approach Road, Tottenham.

The awards ceremony, which took place at The Savoy in London on November 30, recognised people who have beaten all the odds to succeed in business.

Gina, who first opened her floristry business in Holloway prison where she was serving a sentence for possession of drugs, was keen to show appreciation to the people that have helped her. She said: "This award is not just for me. The whole community has helped me with my businesses."

"I especially want to thank the Bernie Grant Centre staff for all their support."

She added: "I didn't put the award in my house. I put it in the café because it's for my customers too."

The successful businesswoman turned to

catering when she started to struggle with her floristry business. One of her mentors, James Caan, an entrepreneur from BBC's Dragons Den, advised her use her other skills to make money. Gina, who was a caterer before she went to prison, started working as an usher at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre where she noticed that its café was closed and asked if she could run it.

She added: "There was no kitchen so I started cooking from home and bringing it in. "I couldn't afford a kitchen back then."

Gina has now managed to raise enough money to buy a kitchen, which has now been fitted at the centre.

Mark Prisk, minister for business and enterprise, added: "The Barclays Trading Places Awards are a great opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of people who have set up their own business in difficult circumstances."

Steve Cooper, chairman of the judging panel and managing director of Barclays business, said: "All of us congratulate Gina on her success in the 2010 Barclays Trading Places Awards and hope her story will inspire other budding entrepreneurs, who face similar difficulties, to come forward and turn their own business dreams into reality."



Inspiration: Gina Moffatt turned her life around after prison

## Gang mediator seeks compensation as car crushed following police stop

A GANG mediator who advises police on their stop-and-search powers has complained that his car was wrongly confiscated by officers and crushed.

Ken Hinds, who is chairman of Haringey's stop-and-search monitoring group, was pulled over by police in Northumberland Park last November after a computer check wrongly showed he had no insurance.

And he says that his car was crushed because it took so long for his insurance company, Zurich, to send him a letter confirming that he was insured.

After complaining to a financial ombudsman he was offered £400 by Zurich and is now considering taking his case to a small claims court.

Mr Hinds, who at the time had just been awarded £22,000 and an apology from British Transport Police after he was wrongfully arrested, said: "I'm chairman of the stop-and-search monitoring group - I go on operations with the police when they catch uninsured drivers, so there's no way I would risk not having insurance," he said.

"The police were civil about it but, of course, they had to do their duty and they took my car."

Mr Hinds said Zurich agreed to send him a letter to confirm he was insured, but due to delays in the postal system caused by strikes, he received it too late and his car was crushed two weeks after it was taken.

"I had left plenty of things inside, such as T-shirts for the dance group I run, carnival costumes and copies of a book I wrote.



Disruption: Ken Hinds' car was destroyed

With this plus car-rental charges I reckon I've lost £4,000."

A spokesman for Zurich said: "Mr Hinds' complaint has been through all Zurich's complaints procedures and through the Financial Ombudsman Service process.

"The FOS found that the main issues relating to Mr Hinds' car being crushed were between him and the impound yard. It specifically found that Zurich had sent the documentation to Mr Hinds in sufficient time before the car was crushed.

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All smiles: Rhymetime members and library staff show off the picture

## Voters put library in the picture

A LIBRARY in Stroud Green has been presented with a rare signed print from illustrator Eric Carle – the man behind *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* – after winning an online vote by library users.

Five prints from Carle's well-loved story book *"Slowly, Slowly, Slowly,"* Said The Sloth were up for grabs for schools and libraries across England with the library in Quernmore Road coming up trumps.

Every child starting primary school in England this autumn received the book as a gift to encourage them to read.

The competition, which relied on residents voting for their local library, was launched to celebrate this year's Booktime programme which saw 1.3million free books being given away to children

starting school for the first time.

"*Slowly, Slowly, Slowly,*" Said The Sloth is described as a "vibrant, story book set in the jungle about a placid, unflappable sloth."

Children and parents attending a Rhymetime session at the library on Wednesday were the first to see the piece of artwork which was presented by Janice Thomson, senior picture book editor at Puffin Books.

Councillor Dilek Dogus, cabinet member for adults and community services at Haringey Council, said: "To have one of only five of these signed prints by Eric Carle is great news for Stroud Green library and the community."

"It will have pride of place in the library."

## Hardship reality TV star raked in thousands in false claims for benefit

By Lucy Purdy

A WOMAN who starred in a real-life television documentary about her family's financial difficulties was raking in thousands of pounds in bogus benefit claims, it has emerged.

Charlene Isaac and her family appeared on the Channel 4 fly-on-the-wall show *How The Other Half Live* where their life in Eastwood Close in Tottenham was contrasted with that of a wealthy family in the Lake District.

Shortly after the programme aired, the family moved to south London with financial help from the family they befriended through the TV show.

But they left owing Haringey Council £4,998 in false claims for housing benefits, and Isaac has been ordered to pay back the money.

She claimed housing benefit between September 2008 and March 2010 despite also receiving working tax credit and child tax credit, which would have affected her claim. When the overpayment was spotted by the Housing Benefit Match Service, Isaac claimed she did not know she had to inform the council.

She ignored the council's requests to pay back the money, and moved to south London without returning a penny.

Isaac refused to attend court hearings and was eventually arrested and brought before the courts where she pleaded not guilty to failing to notify the council of a change in circumstances, knowing the change affected her entitlement.

At a later hearing, magistrates found her guilty.

The court issued a compensation order for the full amount of the overpaid housing benefit and ruled that Isaac should pay back a minimum of £100 per month. She was also given a 12-month conditional discharge.

Councillor Joe Goldberg, cabinet member for finance and sustainability, said: "It is hugely disappointing that Ms Isaac tried to hide the truth of her benefits claims, and it is sad that she accepted financial support from another family while cheating the welfare system in Haringey."

‘We can't turn a blind eye to benefits fraud, which impacts on everyone who treats the system fairly.’

"It is incredibly unfair on the vast majority of residents – who are honest and work hard to get by in often challenging circumstances – when people like this take advantage of a system which is in place to help those in need."

"Where people are struggling to make ends meet, we will do all we can to support them, but we can't turn a blind eye to benefits fraud, which impacts on everyone who treats the system fairly."

A MAN is recovering in hospital from a stab wound and hypothermia after being robbed in a Turnpike Lane park.

Police are appealing for witnesses after the 52-year-old was found lying in the snow last Wednesday.

He had been crossing Downhills Park towards Belmont Road at 7.10pm, when he noticed a group of about seven people wearing dark clothes, with their faces covered. One of the group grabbed him from behind and demanded money. He gave them some cash and walked away, but as he did so he was stabbed in the leg.

He headed towards the park entrance near the junction of Belmont Road and Belmont Avenue, but collapsed before he

## Man collapses in snow after park robbery and stabbing

got there. A member of the public found him lying in the snow at about 8pm.

An ambulance was called and the victim was taken to hospital where he remains in a stable condition.

Officers hope someone may have seen the group hanging around the area at the time of the attack.

DS Shaun Carre-Brown of Haringey's robbery squad said: "Due to the snow, the park would not have been as dark as you might think."

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# Shopkeepers unite to bring Christmas to the high street

By Lucy Purdy

BULLISH traders in Muswell Hill marked the height of the Christmas shopping rush by pulling out all the stops to entice customers over the weekend.

Newly formed traders' association The Heart Of Muswell Hill hosted a weekend of festive events and special offers to persuade people to shop locally rather than heading to central London or further afield to splash their cash.

Emma Whittlestone, of Frocks Away boutique, in Fortis Green Road, said: "We are a positive-thinking group and we decided we

didn't just want to sit around complaining about things like Haringey Council not being able to finance our Christmas lights, so we got on and did it ourselves.

"The point of the weekend was to make Muswell Hill a nice and festive place to shop and to persuade people to shop here.

"We got 80 businesses together – a number I'm really pleased about – and that includes some of the big boys like Sainsbury's and Marks & Spencer but is chiefly independent businesses.

"We are a mostly independent high street and we are putting out the message that we need residents

to shop with us in order to survive. It is important that people know we are certainly not sitting back."

Father Christmas paid a visit to the High Street and there were Christmas carols from St James' Church Choir and North London Children's Choir.

Shoppers also had the chance to

enjoy wine-tasting, make-over consultations and try their luck in a raffle with lots of goodies up for grabs.

Many traders are also keeping their doors open until 8pm in a late-night shopping push tonight (Wednesday).

For more information on openings, visit [www.theheartofmuswellhill.co.uk](http://www.theheartofmuswellhill.co.uk)



Festive fare: Ben Jancovich enjoys a mince pie with Emma Whittlestone of Frocks Away while Charlotte, seven, and Oliver, five, get a balloon from Santa



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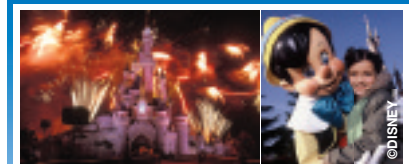
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No waste: Tucking in at the Station House Community Café where meals are cooked from store-surplus ingredients

# Café dishes up the food supermarkets chuck out

## Home-cooked meal for less than £5

By Jon Dean

A CROUCH End café is trying to reduce waste and end food poverty one meal at a time.

The Station House Community Café, in Stapleton Hall Road, has joined forces with the charity FoodCycle to offer healthy, affordable meals from produce that supermarkets would otherwise throw away.

The café, which opened on October 15, relies on a group of about 25 volunteers to salvage 19.2stones of unwanted food a week from shops such as Sainsbury's, Budgens and Mr Organic.

They then use the rescued groceries to rustle up a three-course meal and a cup of tea for less than £5, enabling those with little time or money the chance to enjoy a home-cooked dinner.

Housed in a centre owned by the charity Mind, Station House was the first establishment of its kind in the UK, though FoodCycle has now opened a second cafe in Pimlico, Westminster.

The café is part funded by a grant from Haringey Council and currently only opens on Friday lunch-time, although in the future organisers hope to open more often and offer cookery lessons and nutrition workshops.

Jess Veltman, 26, is project manager and oversees the day-to-day running of the site. Her family are from Haringey and she says she is pleased that people from around the area are coming to Station House.

"New people are coming each week and we have our regulars. We get

people coming who used to use the Mind centre, which is really nice for us.

"We are open to anybody, but we really try to target people who have less access to healthy food," she said. "We haven't fully reached our targets yet."

Having worked for FoodCycle for about a year, she says she was keen to take on the café as she could utilise her masters degree in public health nutrition.

She said: "I have a little bit of cooking background, but my expertise is mainly nutritional. We are definitely learning and getting better each week as we get more confident."

Describing the weekly routine for the team, she said: "On Thursday we collect any fresh food we need.

"Then we spend Thursday night doing the prep work, stuff like soup we can prepare the night before and it actually makes the flavour better. Then we finish things off on Friday.

"We generally serve between 30 and 45 people. The most we have ever run to is 48.

"We are definitely looking to open more days in the future, but we want to make sure we have everything polished and perfect first."

Staff at Food Cycle say that as much as 400,000 tons of good quality food is thrown away each year in the UK, but that four million people in the country cannot afford to eat as healthily as they should. As a result, the NHS spends an estimated £6billion each year treating people with diet-related illness.

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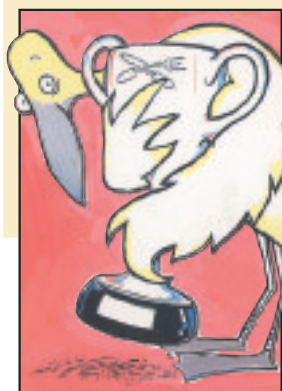
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Wednesday is the final date for us  
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been inundated with entry forms as  
wannabe gannets across north  
London jot down reasons why their  
favourite restaurant should win our  
hotly contested competition.

These nominations have been  
fairly evenly spread across a variety  
of popular north London nosheries  
which makes the last week even  
more crucial as we look to find a top  
six to go forward to our grand final.

Once the deadline has passed our

gannets will sit down and count all  
the forms. The top two restaurants  
in each category will be visited –  
incognito of course – over the  
Christmas period ready to make a  
final decision over the prestigious

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make it into the top three and then  
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sitting at a table next to you. You'll  
recognise them by the huge  
mounds of food in front of them.

So, what are you waiting for? Get  
eating and get writing – your vote  
could make all the difference!

## theatre

# A dame at the top of his game

JONATHAN LOVETT reviews Jack And The Beanstalk at the Hackney Empire

THERE'S a thin line between madness  
and genius. If you want to see what that  
line looks like in all of its full-blooded  
fleshy glory, pop down to Hackney and  
witness the wonder that is Clive Rowe as  
the ultimate dame.

Now, Hackney pantos are probably the  
best examples of the much-maligned  
genre in London. Written and directed by  
Susie McKenna, they contain all the  
traditional ingredients served up in  
stunning style with high production qual-  
ities by a superb cast.

But the difference between good and  
great is the Lancastrian legend boasting  
lungs to match his ever-expanding  
bosom and increasingly deranged cos-  
tumes. In Jack And The Beanstalk he  
plays Dame Daisy of Hackneydale. Enter-  
ing in the first of ten ridiculous outfits on  
a chariot pulled by a pantomime cow, he  
almost receives a standing ovation and  
for the next two-plus hours charms and  
enthalls with his slightly crazy disposition  
that suggests Dame Daisy could soon be  
carted off to the funny farm.

Watching him in action – he would  
make a fine stand-up – must be the mod-  
ern equivalent of being blown away by  
one of those awesome Shakespearean  
actors of the Victorian age as his sheer



Mooving: Clive Rowe

stage presence is almost larger than the  
impressive three-man operated giant who  
appears in the second half.

Snappier, funnier and generally more  
satisfying than last year's Aladdin, this  
really is the Empire at the top of its game  
and praise to McKenna for maintaining –  
even raising – standards and ensuring  
that the rest of the cast have enough  
good lines and personalities to ensure the  
moments that Rowe is not on the stage  
are enjoyable in their own right.

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## The Westender

with Cymbeline Moore



ONE of the opening lines of  
Black Watch sees a squaddie go  
straight on the defensive,  
declaring people's minds are  
made up as to why they are  
soldiers: "Because we cannot  
do anything else."

I came to the production, first  
run in 2006 now in its second run  
at Barbican, with great  
expectations. It came with  
universal acclaim, questions over  
whether Iraq was still a powerful  
backdrop and with a warning  
over the heavy Scottish accents.

The visceral production with a  
superb cast portraying a complex  
combination of war's horror,  
boredom and humour lived up  
to the hype. The corridor-like  
stage provided an intimate  
setting alternating between  
soldiers from the legendary  
regiment being interviewed in  
a life pool room and a depiction  
of their deployment in Fallujah.

The physical play perfectly  
captures the frustrations of this  
small group fighting for each  
other rather than any political  
aim. When action comes, it  
pounds in the stomach, deafening  
shots culminating in horrific and  
beautiful bombing – war laid bare.

As for the Scottish accents,  
they were "nae" problem at all  
with all the familiar expletives.



## what's on

# A puppet show to outfox the top dog

A FEW years ago the Little Angel Theatre produced a celebrated version of *Fantastic Mr Fox*. Engagingly charming and imaginative, it drew the attention of Hollywood, as Little Angel's artistic director, Peter Glanville, explained.

"All the puppet makers from Wes Anderson's film version came to see our adaptation of the story," he said. "Perhaps we did inspire them – who knows – and then they invited us to their studios to see it being made and it was extraordinary. There was this massive corridor with 14 different places where all these sets and three different scale puppets were being made with an area called Puppet Surgery and one called Puppet Hospital where all the repairs were done."

Generally regarded as the home of British puppetry, Little Angel celebrates its 50th anniversary next year and, to send it into its half century in style, has decided to revive the popular Roald Dahl adaptation, performing it at Jacksons Lane in High-



Angel of the north: *Fantastic Mr Fox* is at Jacksons Lane

gate throughout December.

"The challenge is to turn the books into another form," said Peter. "But Dahl is easy to adapt for the stage because the characters are written with such a strong visual sense. We found an experienced writer in Sarah Woods but also one to work closely with Steve the director in the puppetry process. There's so much that can

be said through puppets – you don't need as much dialogue. Then, through development, we felt it would work well as a musical and Ben Glasstone was brought in as musical director to write some brilliant songs."

● *Fantastic Mr Fox* runs until December 31 at Jacksons Lane in Archway Road, Highgate. Call the box office on 020 8341 4421.

## Out and about

● **TREES** are being dressed in style once again in Waterlow Park this week. The ancient art of tree-dressing has been resurrected by schoolchildren for Lauderdale House's Tree Dressing Exhibition. Enjoy the fantastic and colourful – including flying fish, bottled spiders and marionettes – until Sunday in the grounds off Highgate Hill. Admission free. Call box office on 020 8348 8716.

● **MICHAEL** Roach performs at the Kalamazoo Klub this Friday. The American guitarist has spent the last 20 years performing throughout the United States and Europe, promoting African-American culture through blues music. His gig takes place Downstairs At The King's Head in Crouch End Hill from 8.30pm. Tickets £10. Call the box office on 020 8340 1028.

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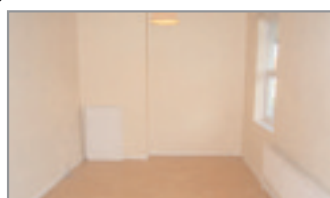
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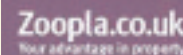
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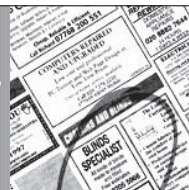
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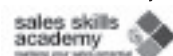
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# ROBBIE'S KEANE ON SPURS EXIT

By Lee Husson

HARRY REDKNAPP has told out-of-favour striker Robbie Keane that he can leave Tottenham in January.

The Republic of Ireland captain's future at White Hart Lane has been in doubt for the past year after the Spurs manager allowed him to join Celtic on loan for the second half of last season.

Keane has made just two starts for the club during the current campaign, with Peter Crouch, Roman Pavlyuchenko and the fit-again Jermain Defoe all above him in the pecking order.

Redknapp confirmed he had held talks with the player, and insisted that any move would have to be permanent.

"I think he'd like to move – he wants to play," said the boss.

"He's not used to not playing. All his career, he's played and been a big player and he wants to play.

"He could sit here and take his wages, but that's not him. He wants to play football.

"He trains hard, works hard every day, he's shown a great attitude.

"Probably the hardest decision I had to make was last week – I couldn't get him on the bench.

"It wasn't easy when you respect somebody and what a good player he is or has been. It was hard, because he's still a good player.

"Whoever offers the biggest fee will, I suppose, be the answer in January."

Redknapp also denied trying to bring former Arsenal striker Emmanuel Adebayor to White Hart Lane, insisting the Manchester City player's wages are too high.

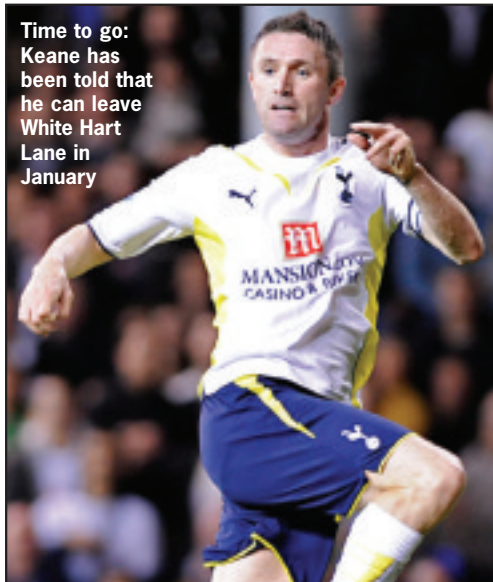
Meanwhile Rafael van der Vaart and Younes Kaboul could both be fit for next Sunday's Barclays Premier League game with Chelsea.

Both missed Saturday's 1-1 draw at Birmingham and last night's final Champions League group game at FC Twente with respective hamstring and hip injuries.

Club captain Ledley King trained on Friday in a last-gasp bid to overcome the groin injury that has blighted his season.

The defender is being pushed in order to establish whether he requires surgery.

**Time to go:**  
Keane has been told that he can leave White Hart Lane in January



## Skolars face tough start to new season as fixtures released

LONDON SKOLARS have been handed a tough Northern Rail Cup campaign as they prepare to face three Co-Operative Championship sides and just one from their own division in the group stages.

The draw will see the club rack up some serious mileage, breaking new ground when they travel to the south of France to take on Toulouse Olympique for the first time.

The opening fixture on February 6 sees Widnes Vikings travelling to New River. The Cheshire club are strongly fancied to be awarded a Super League licence for 2012 and won the cup in 2009.

Skolars' other home game in the competition sees them take on York City Knights on February 24, who were promoted out of Co-Operative Championship One after their success in last season's play-offs.

Skolars' two away games see them go to Doncaster before the trip across the Channel on February 26.

The Co-Operative Championship One season starts on March 13, with the Skolars travelling to Keighley Cougars, before the first home game of the season against Doncaster the following weekend.

Skolars will once again be playing a home game to the Twickenham Stoop next season, with their clash against Oldham being part of the London double header which sees Quins RL taking on Super League Champions Wigan Warriors on July 9.

Keighley Cougars will also be the opposition for Skolars' final league home game of the season, which will be the annual Friday Nights Lights match on August 26.



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